

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to reject petition 04-160 brought forward by the National Association of Broadcasters to prohibit XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting XM Instant Traffic and Weather. This public service is an invaluable aid in 1) learning immediately about highway trouble areas without having to wait until a specific time in a local station's broadcast schedule, 2) receiving current weather information whether at home or on the road and 3) providing needed information, without wading through minutes of advertisements and talk-show hosts to learn information that affects all who need this important information when they need it.

My wife and I have recently been introduced to satellite radio and have been extremely happy with the quality, programming and general service it provides. Local over the air programming is no longer interesting to me now that I have a choice of great music, weather/ traffic information and generally consumer minded radio options.

Since I, and millions of others, are willing to pay for this service I resent the idea that the NAB wishes to prohibit listeners from receiving services which they find valuable. I don't understand the threat to the NAB but, as in many other power-control issues, I'm not sure there is one.

Again, please reject this petition. Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Sincerely,
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